SOUTHEASTERN IDAHO UROLOGY CONSULTANT ADULT AND PEDIATRIC UROLOGIC SURGERY





March 9, 2011

Molina Medicaid Attn: Pharmacy/Therapeutics Committee 3232 Elder Street Boise, ID 83705

To Whom It May Concern,

Toviaz for overactive bladder has been a very effective drug. It is well tolerated in elderly patients and has shown good efficacy. This medication also has low side effects, especially central nervous system in the elderly patient. I would like for you to consider keeping Toviaz on the Medicaid preferred drug list.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Bohus, M.D., F.A.C.S.

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March 17, 2011

Idaho Medicaid Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee 3232 Elder ST Boise, ID 83705

Dear Sirs:

It has come to this office's attention that consideration of withholding TOVIAZ from the Medicaid formulary has been reviewed. I would implore you to continue its coverage as TOVIAZ has proven to be very effective in relief of irritable bladder syndrome with little, if any, untoward side effects.

Many of my otherwise refractory patients continue to respond to TOVIAZ and it is to this point I wish to suggest continued coverage.

Thank you,

Charles L. Cutler, MD, PA

CLC/flo



March 23, 2011

Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee 3232 Elder Street Boise, Idaho 83705

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for your continuing inclusion of Lipitor (atorvastatin) as a Medicaid drug. This drug is invaluable for my patients with hyperlipidemia and coronary artery disease who do not reach therapeutic goals with other statin agents. I understand that Lipitor can be available for as little as \$4 a month with coupons supplied by the company and that there will be a generic version available in 2 years such that if patients are continued on prescription Lipitor in that interim there will be no difficult transition to other drugs.

Sincerely,

Stanley Mogelson, MD, FACC

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Cher Jacobsen, M.D.

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May 25, 2011

Idaho Medicaid Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee Attn: Tami Eide 3232 Elder Street Boise, ID 83705

To Whom It May Concern:

I am an Idaho primary care physician and have a special interest in the prevention of cardiovascular disease. Heart attack and stroke are two of the most common and most expensive conditions to treat. It is much more effective to prevent such events from happening. This not only true from a cost-effective standpoint, but also from a population health, personal, and workforce position as well.

While I am aware that state budget concerns are a reality, I would urge you consider continuing to cover such important treatment and preventive medications as Simcor, Niaspan, Trilipix, and TriCor. We use these medications to keep the patients of Idaho safe and free of disease.

Thank you for your consideration,

Cher Jacobsen M.D.

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March 28, 2011

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RE: Bystolic

To Whom It May Concern: Tami Eide Fax# 208-364-1864

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OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS

As a family practicioner I treat a lot of patients with hypertension. I use Bystolic often as one of my lead Beta Blockers. I have seen the theraputic effect it has on my patient's blood pressures.

Please add Bystolic to your prefered agent list.

Please call my office if you have any questions.

Thank you,

BS/km

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March 31, 2011

Medicaid Services State of Idaho

To whom it may concern:

We are practicing clinicians at Glenns Ferry Health Center in Elmore county. Recently, we learned that Medicaid is in the process of reviewing its formulary relative to dyslipidemia, particularly Niaspan, Simcor and Trilpix. In our practice, we see a large amount of Medicaid insured patients. Some of these patients have mild dyslipidemias, whereas others have several co-morbid conditions such as post-stroke, diabetes mellitus, cardiovascular disease or hypertriglyceridemia. We have several patients taking these said medications for these conditions and either responding well or in the initial phase of treatment.

We understand cuts have to be made especially with current economic tide in order to maintain fiscal budgets and manage care equally for involved parties. With Medicaid funding recently being reduced matters are certainly more grim. We are requesting your organization to please consider keeping these three medications on your formulary as first line agents. They are unique in their mechanism of action and have good research behind them regarding there efficacy. In addition to the statins, these three medications serve as a great armamentarium in our current fight against cardiovascular disease and our ability to prevent disease progression to cerebrovascular disease and serious cardiac events. Which events place a greater burden on our healthcare system than prevention with these medications.

Sincerely

Stephen Johnson, D.O.

Rachel Swartz, M.D.

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April 1, 2011

P&T Committee 3232 Elder St. Boise, ID 83705

Attention: Tammy Eide

RE: MEDICAID FORMULARY DECISION ON ANDROGEL

Dear Ms. Eide:

It has come to my attention that AndroGel is up for medication review. As you know, it has been a "gold standard" product for testosterone replacement in males for many years. Availability of topical testosterone therapy is important because of greater consistency in blood levels and injectable testosterone is contraindicated in people on anticoagulants such as warfarin and dabigatran.

Yours truly,

STEPHEN E. SPENCER, M.D.

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Bryan Pogue, MD



April 4, 2011

Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee 3232 Elder Street Boise, ID 83705

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing a letter in support of keeping Toviaz on the Medicaid formulary for treating urinary urgency, frequency, urge incontinence and overactive bladder. I have seen the benefits of using this drug in the many patients that I treat with the above-mentioned conditions.

I consider Toviaz one of the better drugs available to treat overactive bladder. It has few side effects and patients appear to tolerate the drug fairly well.

Thank you for your consideration in continuing to offer our Medicaid patients Toviaz for treatment of their overactive bladder.

Sincerely,

Dawn K. King, M.D.

DKK/LS

Subject: FW: major drugs

From: ghunt@vfhc.org [mailto:ghunt@vfhc.org] Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2011 10:16 AM To: Eide, Tamara J. - Medicald

Subject: major drugs

to: Pharmacy and Therapuetic committee.

Ive been asked to write this letter concerning Trilipex, Niaspan,. Simcor, and Tricor 145mg. These are major drugs that we use for our patients at Valley Family Health Care. Our population is largely Medicaid. It is imperative that we continue these medication for our patients and contunue their care.

Thank you,

Dr. Stone

Dr. Rodriguez

Dr. Sebastian,

Subject: FW: Medicaid formulary

From: Lisa [mailto:lforuriaemc@bigskytel.com] Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2011 10:38 AM

To: Eide, Tamara J. - Medicaid **Subject:** Medicaid formulary

Dear Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee,

We are a Rural Health Clinic and therefore, see many patients with Medicaid coverage. Trilipix, Niaspan, Simcor, and Tricor 145mg are currently on the Medicaid formulary. We would like to see those drugs continue as we find they are very beneficial to our patients.

Please contact us if you need additional information.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dr. William H. Vetter David M. Shuey, II, PA-C

Lisa Foruria Clinic Administrator Emmett Medical Center, PLLC



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Dear ms. Eide. I am happy to support action to add hystolic to The medicaid formulary. Beta blockers have a necessary place, but side effects limit the utility of many agents. That is not true with hyblolic in my experience. I have found it to be efficacions and well tolerated. Thankeyou for your consideration. Janet King RV NP.		

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